industrial centres and residential colonies, they can set up their own telecom network in these areas subject to approval of DOT. Such networks can be provided connectivity to the public network through junction lines.

(b) to (d) We have yet to receive any firm proposal.

Inflated Computerised Telephone Bills

1576. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI :
SHRI IQBAL SINGH :

will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are receiving a large number of complaints of inflated telephone bills throughout the country;

(b) if so, what are the details of such complaints received in each of the States and Union Territories during the last two years;

(c) how many such complaints were found to be genuine during the said period and what procedure is followed by the government in disposing of the complaints of such inflated bills;

(d) whether it is also a fact that complaints of inflated Telephone bills are being highlighted by the newspapers even from such places where computerisation has been done by Government;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(f) what remedial action Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) to (f) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as early as possible.

Telecommunication Facilities to all Panchayats in the Country

1577. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :
SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to interconnect all Panchayats of India with electronic telecommunication system:

(b) if so, how many blocks and Panchayats have so far been covered by the electronic telecom-system; and

(c) how many blocks and Panchayats of Bihar, so far have been covered by electronic telecom-system ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) It is a fact that Government have decided to provide telephone in all Panchayat Villages through [illegible] systems/ open wire lines.

(b) (i) 88610 Panchayats Villages are provided with telephone facility as on 28th February, 1993.

(ii) Information about Blocks is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

(c) (i) 5123 Panchayat Villages are provided with telephone facility in Bihar as on 28th February, 1993.

(ii) Information about Blocks is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Telephone and Post Office Facilities in Haryana

1578. SHRI RAMJI LAL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the districtwise number of Panchayats in Haryana as on the 28th February, 1993 where telephone and Post office facilities are available;

(b) what time-limit has been prescribed for providing the above facilities in each village Panchayat of the State;

(c) what is the number of such villages in the above village Panchayats, where telegram and telegraphic money order facilities are available and by when these facilities will be made available in those village Panchayats where these facilities are not [illegible]sent; and

(d) what are the details of the programme for providing speed post facility in